reception notification;

a server that transmits said HTML file stored in said storage device to at least one terminal, of said plurality of terminals, in accordance with a request for said HTML file from said at least one terminal;

a controller that receives a request for said reception notification from said at least one terminal and establishes a connection with said at least one terminal;

a receiver that receives predetermined data via a communication link;

a detector that detects reception of said predetermined data by said receiver; and

a reception notification transmitter that transmits said reception notification to said at least one connected terminal via the network when said detector detects said reception of said predetermined data, wherein said applet included in said HTML file performs said connection by said controller and transmits said reception notification by said reception notification transmitter.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said predetermined data received by said receiver comprises image data.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said image data comprises electronic-mail data transmitted via the Internet.

20. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said image data comprises facsimile image data.

21. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said communication link comprises a

Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said facsimile image data is transmitted via the PSTN.

23. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said applet determines whether a request for said reception notification is valid, said reception notification being transmitted to said at least one connected terminal when said request for said reception notification is determined to be valid.

24. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a imaging device that displays said predetermined data received by said receiver.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said imaging device comprises a printer.

26. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said controller closes the connection with said at least one connected terminal in accordance with an end request transmitted by said at least one connected terminal.

27. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said HTML file is displayed at said at least one terminal.

28. A method for transmitting a reception notification from a communication apparatus to at least one terminal via a network, in which the communication apparatus receives predetermined data via a communication link, the communication apparatus having a storage device that stores a HTML file including an applet that performs the reception notification, the method comprising:

transmitting the HTML file to the at least one terminal in accordance with a request for the HTML file from the at least one terminal;

receiving a request for the reception notification from the at least one terminal;

establishing a connection with the at least one terminal after receiving the reception notification request;

detecting a reception of the predetermined data; and

transmitting the reception notification to the connected at least one terminal via the communication link when the reception of the predetermined data is detected, wherein the applet included in the HTML file performs the receiving of the request for the reception notification, the establishing of the connection, and the transmitting of the reception notification.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the predetermined data comprises image data.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the image data comprises electronic-mail data transmitted via the Internet.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein the image data comprises facsimile image data transmitted via a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

32. The method of claim 28, wherein the applet comprises:

determining whether a valid request for the reception notification has been received; and

transmitting the reception notification to the at least one terminal when the request for the reception notification is determined to be valid.

33. The method of claim 28, further comprising closing the connection with the at least one terminal in accordance with an end request transmitted by the at least one terminal.

34. A method for acknowledging reception of data, comprising:

transmitting a HTML file including an applet to a terminal;

opening a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port to establish a communication link with the terminal;

receiving data transmitted by the terminal via the communication link; and

transmitting a reception notification to at least one terminal upon reception of the data in response to a request for the reception notification issued by the applet.

35. The method of claim 34, further comprising:

detecting an arrive notification periodically issued by the applet transmitted to the terminal while the data is transmitted by the terminal;

detecting an end notification, issued by the applet, that is transmitted to the terminal when transmission of the data is completed; and

terminating the communication link by closing the TCP port upon detection of the end notification.

36. The method of claim 34, wherein the data comprises image data.